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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6168

BILL NUMBER: SB 41

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 7, 2008

BILL AMENDED: Jan 10, 2008

SUBJECT: Public Freshwater Lakes.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Meeks

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 2nd House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill defines "acquiescence" and "lake" for purposes of certain lake preservation laws. It makes conforming changes. The bill establishes evidence that indicates the acquiescence of a riparian owner to allow the public use of a lake. The bill requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to prepare a list of public freshwater lakes. It allows the owners of a body of water to petition to have the body of water declared a public freshwater lake.

Effective Date: July 1, 2008.

Explanation of State Expenditures: An impact could occur if the DNR has to oversee a body of water that the DNR did not previously regulate. The DNR should be able to prepare a list of public freshwater lakes and process petitions given its existing level of resources. The DNR reverted \$1.3 M in General Fund appropriations in FY 2007.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: DNR

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: State Budget Agency.

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